

Advertisements.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPDO DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the COMPANY No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 19th August, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1895.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th August, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. COOKE,
Acting General Manager.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1895. [1004]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on TUESDAY, the 6th day of August, 1895, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.
By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 29th July, 1895. [1007]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Tuesday, the 6th day of August, 1895, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

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No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundry Measurements.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rental.	Upkeep.
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For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1895. [1001]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship
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Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 1st August, at Daylight, and not as previously notified.
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Hongkong, 29th July, 1895. [1002]

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Hongkong, 29th July, 1895. [327]

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"ARROYO,"
Captain R. Samuel, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 1st August, at Noon.
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At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.
For Further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, 29th July, 1895. [1006]

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Hongkong, 29th July, 1895. [1013]

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1895. [1008]

BIRTH.

On the 25th July, at 2, College Gardens, Hongkong, the wife of Capt. F. D. GODDARD, of the steamer *Haitan*, of a son.

THE Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JULY 29, 1895.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

On several occasions during the past decade the *Hongkong Telegraph* has called attention to the manner in which British merchants are often heavily handicapped in the Far East by their German and French competitors who are supplied, under orders issued by their respective governments, not only with reliable information through their legations and consulates, but are also in a position to demand, and receive promptly, the benefit of the personal assistance and influence of their representatives in commercial undertakings of almost every description. Our London contemporary *Fairplay* has also from time to time taken up this subject and gone so far as to advocate the appointment of experts to assist Ministers and Attaches upon all commercial matters. There cannot be a shadow of doubt that the appointment of such experts and the issue of special instructions (relating to commerce) has done much to increase the trade of Germany, France and Austria in Far Eastern and other great markets. Such experts would be able to render important assistance in framing treaties and trade conventions as they would know from their experience, and by investigation through channels neither open to nor known by consuls and diplomatic officials, in what way our commercial interests may suffer. So great have been our blunders in the East in recent times and so glaring the neglect of British commercial interests that we feel justified in once more returning to this subject and in so doing call attention to the following extract from the *Danube Messenger of Shipping and Commerce*, published in Roumania, which is taking the matter up with reference to the appointment of a commercial expert at Bucharest, and it is to be earnestly hoped that this subject, as concerns the Far East at all events, will at once receive the attention it unquestionably deserves from

Members of Parliament and the leading Chambers of Commerce of the Occident and the Orient. The Roumanian Journal's opinions are stated thus:—

"At the last meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce a resolution was proposed by Sir Vincent Kennett-Barrington to the effect that much more assistance was offered by the representatives of foreign Powers in promoting the export trade of their own countries than is afforded to British firms, and that the number of commercial attaches to British embassies could be increased to the distinct advantage of British Commerce."

"In the last issue of the *London Chamber of Commerce Journal* it is stated that the action of the Chamber has attracted some attention abroad, and that Sir Henry Vincent very ably argued the case for such additional appointments in a communication forwarded to the British Foreign Office. Naturally the chief objection is the cost but this is absurd because the additional trade which would accrue would more than cover any additional expenditure."

"Whatever necessity for British Commercial Attaches exists in other countries there can be no question about the need of such an official in Roumania. However ably British political interests are served by our representatives in this country, it is inconceivable that a competent commercial man, an Englishman conversant with the language, country, requirements, and commercial customs of Roumania, with the productive powers of the United Kingdom—such a man as is frequently found assisting other foreign legations at Bucharest—should be sent to Roumania and an incentive to the development of British commerce such as it stands in lamentable want of, with the result that to a large extent British traders sit still while Austrian, German, and French agents are booking orders under their very noses."

"Should Sir Henry Vincent's proposition be carried into effect, which we in Roumania devoutly trust may be the case, the result would make itself in no apparent and beneficial not only to the English commercial residents of Roumania but to British trade generally and to the development of British commerce such as it stands in lamentable want of, with the result that to a large extent British traders sit still while Austrian, German, and French agents are booking orders under their very noses."

"It may be stated with the utmost confidence that the placing of such an attaché at Bucharest would give the liveliest satisfaction to every body concerned—the British Legation at Bucharest to the boy who sells the *Danube Messenger* on the quay at Braila and Galatz."

It would be interesting to know why our representatives, whose so-called Trade Reports are invariably published long after they can be of any practical value to the mercantile communities of the Empire, keep as far aloof from trade affairs as possible, devote most of their time to the study of Oriental languages, lawn tennis and dinner parties, and wherever there is a big "move" on almost always turn up when the opera is over. Is it because trading is *infra dig*?

Some time ago the German Minister at the Court of Bangkok promulgated an order tending to prevent the invasion of German merchant steamers by the employees of the Opium Farmer in search of contraband. This order was very favourably commented on in *Siam* at the time, but it appears from a recent number of the *Siam Free Press* that it has been set aside by the Siamese Foreign Office, which, prompted by the Opium Farmer, succeeded in obtaining from the German Consul in the absence of the Minister—a warrant to search the German steamer *Amigo*. The search was effected with the result that about 150 lbs of opium were found concealed in one of the ship's boats on the upper deck. No sooner had the Farmer's men proceeded to remove the opium from the steamer for conveyance to the German Legation, as directed by the search warrant, than the Customs' guards—who, by the way, had not been informed of the decision of the German Consul—interfered, and wanted the opium to be taken to the Custom House. This the Farmer's men objected to in a rather forcible manner, and as they far outnumbered the Customs' guards the latter were soon overpowered and detained in a house nearby, and the illicit opium was thereupon taken to the Farmer's office. How it became possible for a scene of this description to be enacted on board a foreign merchant steamer in the port of Bangkok it is difficult to understand, neither does it appear clear from the information in our possession why the German Consul permitted direct contravention of the orders which the German Minister issued with a view to preventing what a number of German capitalists had represented to be "a crying evil" and gross abuse of certain rights and privileges. And there are other points which do not appear particularly clear, namely, (a.) what right had the German Minister to prohibit the Farmer's employees from boarding German vessels, and (b.) granting the Minister's action was justifiable—and it is to be assumed that it was so—why should not the British Representative protect British shipping in a similar manner. Either the German Minister has acted in an extremely high-handed manner or he has merely adopted a policy strictly within treaty rights, which might, with advantage, be copied by his distinguished colleagues.

REUTER'S TELEGRAM.

THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

Retains to date:—

Unionists 401

Liberals 101

Radicals 12

Anti-Parliamentaries 5

Labour 2

Gains to date:—

Unionists 106

Liberals 20

Radicals 1

Anti-Parliamentaries 1

Labour 1

(Special to *Stam Observer*.)

THE BURMAH BOUNDARY DEFINED.

RANGOON, July 15th.

The Government of Burma has published a notification in which the territory constituting the Burmese Shan States is defined. Among those in the northern Shan States are East and West Maungm, with their dependencies, and all

the territories east of the Salween River which, on 27th November, 1885, owed allegiance, directly or indirectly, to the King of Burma, and which will form part of Upper Burma. In the southern Shan States are included Kengtung and its dependencies, with Kengtung.

THE PAMIRS.—THE PROGRESS OF THE BRITISH COMMISSION.

ALLAHABAD, July 15th.
Major-General Gerard's party is believed to have safely crossed the Hindu Kush and to be making progress towards Maro, to the north of Gilgit.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

LATEST advices from Amoy report "all quiet" at Taiwanfoo and Takao.

The dividend of the Java Sea and Fire Insurance Co. for the last financial year is fixed at 15 per cent.

The importation to Calcutta of German 'best sugar' is becoming quite a large and important business.

CHOLERA is creating great havoc among the natives of Amoy and the towns in the immediate neighbourhood of that port.

LOST, stolen or strayed:—A reward of £3 is offered for the apprehension of either J. Riley, stoker, or T. Normandale, A.B., of H.M.S. *Raiden*.

H.M.S. *Tamar*, which is to be fitted up here as the relieving ship of the *Victor Emanuel*, left Penang on Friday last and may be expected here on the 2nd proximo.

On the 26th instant upwards of 1,000 Chinese men, women and children arrived at Amoy from Tamsui by steamers, and hundreds more are en route thither in junks.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., will be held in the Company's offices, No. 14, Praya Central, at 3 p.m., on the 19th proximo.

THE Dori Petroleum Company has undertaken the working of oil wells in Java on a large scale. The business prospects look so promising that the company has taken measures to open at Samarang a central depot from which to supply Central Java with oil.

A CHINESE paper published in Shanghai states that the ex-Viceroy of the Liang Kwang, Li Han-chang, found on arrival at Wuhu, his native place, that the low classes were much embittered against him, so he was forced to beat a retreat to Shanghai, where he is now staying.

LATEST news from Tamsui is to the effect that the Japanese authorities have refused to recognise the right of foreigners and Chinese to own land at Tamsui, and insist on title deeds and ground rent receipts being produced as evidence of ownership for lots in Tamsui.

WITHIN the last ten years British Guiana has shipped to Europe £1,800,000 worth of gold. In almost double the same period the South African Gold Fields raised only £200,000. The British Guiana mines were not boomed, the South African ones were. *Volta tout!*

It is notified by the Manager-in-Chief of the Joint Telegraph Companies that considerable delay in the transmission of messages over the Japanese lines "may be expected for the present." This is probably owing to the effects of the typhoon which raged near Nagasaki a few days ago.

LIM, the well-known Fomosa millionaire, has formed a company of Anglo-Chinese subjects with a capital of \$200,000 to start in business at Amoy. They have purchased several houses in the foreign and native quarters of the port and are likely to do a big business with Fomosa, Shanghai, the Straits, and Hongkong.

ACCORDING to a telegram from Peking published in a Shanghai native paper on the 26th instant His Majesty the Emperor has issued orders to all the Viceroy, Governors, and high military officials that henceforth the armies are to be drilled according to Western methods. Those officials who do not qualify themselves to do this are to be dismissed.

THE French papers have not been able to resist the temptation to indulge in "sarcasm" against the Baltic Canal opening. *The Sticks*, commenting on the peaceful language of Emperor William, said "it was consistent with the dispatch of a wreath to London on the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo." There is some force in this observation, and it ought to indicate to the German Emperor the necessity of avoiding all sore spots.

A FIRE broke out at 4.45 this morning in house No. 34, Winglock Street, and but for the prompt arrival of the Fire Brigade and the police on the scene, who worked ardently in spite of the strong wind and pelting rain, the consequences would have been disastrous. The house in which the fire originated was used as a store by a Chinese trader, and only the upper story was burnt. We understand that it was insured for \$5,000 by the North German Insurance Company. Another fire broke out at midday in No. 3, Station Street, inside the Tai-ping-shan enclosure, and owing to a strong breeze prevailing at the time the flames were carried to the adjoining house which was partially burnt. The fire was, however, got under in 20 minutes. The houses belong to government. It's a pity the whole block was not consumed.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended July 28th, are:—Europeans, 124; Chinese, 1,818; total 1,942.

A WESTERN Indian contemporary predicts that in one branch at least of Indian trade, Japan will probably, in the future, be India's sole provider of lucifer matches, and *Indian Engineering* states it has no objection provided that the matches supplied, if not capable of striking on their boxes, will strike on some other material, will yield fire smoothly, continuing the journal says—the matches that are being sold now in Calcutta can do neither; they are simply and sheerly incapable of being used. They won't light; if, by some miracle one of them does kindle a spark, it splutters and goes out before one has time to light one's cigar by it.

Up to the end of June, about 2,800,000 piculs of this year's Java sugar crop had been sold. There was no prospect of an immediate important rise in quotation, and planters are counselled to hold back as much as possible. The prospect is held out of higher quotations at the close of the year, from stocks of sugar in Europe falling low.

COMMENTING on the recent festivities at Kiel the *Standard* says:—Those who imagine that Kiel will inaugurate an era of peace and happiness have not much ground for their imaginations. More than one navy sent its ships unwillingly to Kiel, and the city and the sailing and drinking goes on with an unconscious sense of the danger of the situation.

It is pleasant for Englishmen to have shown the assembled spectators of the Continent that this country is not wholly effete, and that we are prepared to hold our supremacy on the sea. Some of our splendid new destroyers sent to the Baltic. They are perhaps our finest products of naval architecture, and, as the fastest vessels in the world, deserve to have a place in what is virtually a great exhibition of naval might. It shows that we might have brought our shipbuilders' orders from foreigners—a result always to be desired, and most of all when our trade is depressed. The strategic effects of the new canal will be most important. Indeed, it is hardly an exaggeration to say that it doubles Germany's strength for defensive war.

As is natural, differing impressions are held by the Chinese themselves, and hence are gained by European residents and writers, as to the special significance of different colours in official insignia. As with us, says the American weekly *Outlook*, black and white are of varied significance as emblems of death at funerals of children and persons of mature age, so in China, green, yellow, and red are the official colours of Buddhist priests. It is the observed colour of the sun and moon in the early representation of Egyptian worship. In some of the sculptures and paintings on the tomb walls, the sun is represented unsupported on the wall, with hands stretched out to receive the gifts which the people present through their priests; while in others the sun is supported between the horns of the sacred cow, over whose back a blue blanket, representing the sky and dotted with yellow stars, is also supported. Under the T'ang dynasty, which began in 1649, the emperor assumed to possess divine power to rule "the spirit of the sun." His sacerdotal tablet in the temple is yellow. When the sun has reached the winter solstice, he claims the power to cause its return and the opening of spring; yet more when eclipses, calculated as in European observatories, are notified by his astronomer, the emperor sends out notices printed on yellow paper, stating that at a certain hour the dragon of evil will come to devour the sun, but he will rescue it. It is a natural suggestion that the yellow jacket of the highest officials who have the emperor's special authority, should, like that of the priests of religion, who unite the Shinto worship of their ancestors and of the powers of nature, be borrowed from the colour of the sun, the chief deity.

THE Newchwang correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes under date 17th instant reports as follows:—For the last ten days our port has presented more animation, for besides British vessels we have had three German and three Norwegian steamers in harbour. Besides those mentioned, there have been the usual number of Japanese arrivals and departures. The steamer *Fookiang* and Norwegian steamer *Oscarshall* departed for Hongkong and Canton under charter with full cargo, and the steamers *Ingo*, *Byrre*, and *Egga*, left for Japan. The general opinion that immediately after the departure of the Japanese flag of commerce to our port will occur, will, from observation, be undoubtedly well founded. Should the departure of these temporary occupiers, however, be delayed for any further length of time, a bad season for shipping will result. Considerable differences have existed between chartermen and shippers generally and the Japanese local authorities regarding shipping matters, which have delayed the despatch of vessels considerably. Commodities of trade have somewhat diminished, but the chief articles of commerce of this port arriving in fair quantities by cargo boats from further inland. There is, however, more supply than demand. A recent visit to the forts presented to view an almost complete ruin. The Japs have abandoned the place which is now in the hands of thieves and robbers. The latter complete the wreckage and desolation inflicted by the Japanese. Not a vestige of wood or iron remains—nothing but demolished masonry. The cholera appals to be spreading in the native town and the mortality is on the increase. To escape the epidemic the Japanese soldiers have been removed from their quarters in the town to more healthy surroundings some miles outside the city walls. Sentry and patrol duties are only done only where absolutely necessary.

THE GALE.
Early yesterday morning the indications of a typhoon raging within 300 miles of the colony were unmistakable and by 8.30 a.m. these had become so pronounced that the Director of the Observatory caused the typhoon gun to be fired. The storm was then south-east of Hongkong and apparently moving towards W.N.W. This turned out correct, for at 4.30 p.m. the centre of the depression was S.S.W. of the colony and moving towards the coast between Macao and Hobei.

The weather was so boisterous here yesterday that at an early hour all the small craft sought shelter at Causeway Bay and Yaumati, while most of the steamers in port cast off from their buoys and either dodged in behind *Soncutters* Island or else steamed out to Kowloon Bay and prepared to "weather it out" there, in good holding ground. The Kowloon ferry launches stopped running early in the day and only resumed this forenoon after the gale had moderated considerably.

Fortunately we have been inconvenienced only by the outer circle of the storm, so there is no serious damage to report as far as the shipping in the waters of the colony is concerned, but we may expect to receive to-morrow news of a very different state of affairs in Macao and later on get some interesting details of the effects of the storm at Hobei and other places south of and within about 400 miles of the colony.

The lowest reading of the barometer was at 4 p.m. yesterday when it was down to 29.40, but by 6 p.m. it had risen to 29.40 and we are cautiously informed, at midnight the *Victor Emanuel's* barometer read 29.50. Now it is gradually rising from 29.67 at 1 p.m. to about 29.68 at 6 p.m.

It's an awfully ill wind that blows no one some good, and this adage has been brought to mind by the fact that the storm carried in its wake any amount of much-needed rain which fell here to torrents, filling our reservoirs and giving our city the best cleaning it has had for upwards of twelve months, thus bringing to a close a very trying season and the longest drought in the recollection of most of our oldest residents.

THE CONCERT IN "CLOUDLAND."

The concert arranged during the past fortnight with a view to improving the financial status of that most deserving institution, the Alice Memorial Hospital, was given last Saturday night at the Mount Austin Hotel under the most favourable climatic conditions imaginable and in the presence of a large and fashionable audience, which included Mr. T. Jackson, Chief Manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, who occupied the chair and in opening the proceedings referred to the claims of the "Alice" on the benevolence of the general public and the unfortunately unsatisfactory state of its funds. The Committee who were responsible for the arrangements are to be congratulated upon the wisdom they displayed in selecting a fine total in "Cloudland" in preference to the City Hall for a fashionable concert which was certain to draw a large audience. The concert room although filled to overflowing was never oppressively hot, as would have been the Theatre Royal, and the placing of benches along the spacious and airy verandah of the Mount Austin was a happy idea, for while sitting there the singing could be heard to perfection and the gentle summer breeze over and over coming in from the southward and eastward contributed in no small degree to the pleasure and comfort of the participants in an evening's entertainment that will not soon be forgotten. The programme was distinctly fashionable, and even the inimitable Mr. Brady, who requires a certain amount of license, which is usually conceded to comedians, was rigidly cut down to one number and that a recitation.

The platform was as very tastefully arranged, the room well lit, the accompaniments excellently well played by Mr. G. Grimble, and the efforts of the vocalists, and the violin solos of Mr. V. Goffe, so admirably rendered that he who would find fault with any of the numbers must indeed have been either extremely difficult to please or absolutely lacking in the essential to the enjoyment of musical evening—a "ear" for music.

To enter into a lengthy criticism of the efforts of each contributor to the evening's entertainment is more than we are in a position to essay, for neither time nor space permit, neither do we feel justified in so doing in respect of the more "high flown" classical numbers. Kellie's "A Winter Love Song" was the first item, and so far as the rendition went a more suitable selection could not have been made. Mr. Macbean was in excellent voice and, as was the case with everything else he who took part in, was highly appreciated and deservedly cheered. Rubenstein's charming duet "Wanderer's Nightingale," by Mrs. Marten and Mrs. Sachse, proved one of the gems of the evening though the ladies' rendering of the Ich Ein Vogelchen "Water" was equally acceptable and very warmly applauded. In solos subsequently Mrs. Marten and Mrs. Sachse were heard to great advantage, and although the latter barely sang, as an encore in the case of the former it was not denied. Miss Lammer gave a most charming rendering of Tosti's "Good-bye" and was so persistently cheered that the Chairman had at last to interpose and explain that Miss Lammer would have been most happy to sing again, but as she had not anticipated an encore she was not in a position, at the moment, to treat the audience to another song. It was intended that Mrs. Gordon should follow Miss Lammer, and great was the disappointment of many when the Chairman announced that Mrs. Gordon, whose rich soprano voice could have been heard to great advantage on Saturday, was unable to be present. The first part of the programme was then brought to a conclusion with a spirited rendering of that most difficult song to render satisfactorily, "Queen of the Night" by Messrs. D. K. Silman, C. H. Grace and W. E. Crow. Each met with well sustained and the cheering and bleating of the tenor, baritone and bass, reports many hours of conscientious practice which the audience was not backward in recognizing at the conclusion with an outburst of loud and long continued applause.

The second part of the programme commenced with Gounod's "Salve à Dinora" by Mr. D. K. Silman who has probably never been heard to greater advantage. This song afforded Mr. Silman full scope for his rich tenor voice and he availed himself of it to the fullest, scoring a thorough success and earning a hearty encore. About a year ago Mr. Silman lacked expression and then appeared too nervous to do himself justice. These faults have now been corrected with the result that he so charms his audience that one and all feel they never heard him often enough. He has only to be heard once to be appreciated and never forgotten. Of the other gentlemen it is only necessary to say that they were themselves—quite in their old form and in excellent voice, and it must have been pleasing to those gentlemen and all who so kindly assisted, to find their efforts warmly appreciated by a large and critical audience but to have at the same time the satisfaction of knowing that not only were they not "casting pearls before swine" but that they were rendering important services in a good, philanthropic and very deserving cause.

Mr. Goffe's violin solos were a special and delightful feature of the programme, and we are feeling the regret of all who heard him, that Mr. Goffe when we say it is sincerely hoped he will assist at many more local entertainments. Mr. G. G. Brady, who it is regret to hear, about to be transferred to Batavia, came in at "the death" and recited, in his best form, "Major Numbly," and of course kept the audience in fits of

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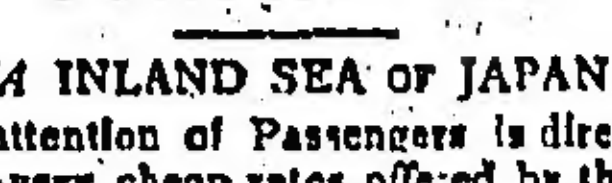
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